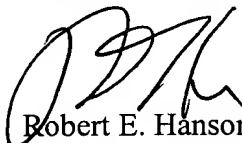


COMMENTS

Entry of the instant Amendment is proper because it only cancels claims 72 and 97 to place the claims in better condition for appeal. It is therefore submitted that entry of the Amendment is proper and such action is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below with any questions.

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